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**GREEK THRONE SHAKY.**  
**RESULT OF ELECTIONS.**  
**WILL THE KING GO?**  
(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

**LONDON, December 17.**  
The elections in Greece held yesterday were very orderly, the attempt of the opposition leaders to induce their followers to boycott the elections being only partially successful. M. Venizelos was elected, many Royalists voting for him, considering he is the only politician able to extricate Greece from her impasse and in view of his moderation on the dynastic question. Reuter's correspondent at Athens now reports that a dynastic crisis is imminent and the King's departure is believed to be a foregone conclusion.

**REPUBLICANS DEMAND DEPOSITION.**  
**ATHENS, December 17.**  
The election has been a contest between Liberals and Republicans. According to the results so far known the Deputies elected to the Constituent Assembly comprise almost solely moderate Venizelists and Republican Venizelists, the former predominating. A proportion of the Republicans voted against Venizelos. The Republicans are clamouring for the deposition of the dynasty. It is stated that Colonel Plastiras, the revolutionary leader, is determined to prevent untoward events.

**INDIAN POLITICS.**  
**SWARAJISTS DECLINE OFFICE.**

**CALCUTTA, December 17.**  
Mr. Das has replied to the Governor regretting that he is unable to undertake ministerial responsibility, the Swaraj party having decided not to accept the offer. Mr. Das points out that the Swarajists are pledged to put an end to the diarchy which it would be unable to do if he took office and they would not consider it honest to accept and turn it into an instrument of obstruction. He expressed nevertheless the party's appreciation of the spirit of constitutionalism actuating Lord Lytton in making the offer.

**LATER.**  
The Swaraj meeting further pledged the party to reject all Government measures until the national demand for at least a provincial responsible Government is granted. The Hindu Moslem pact aforementioned provides, inter alia that under self-Government 55% of the posts be allotted Mohammedans, religious toleration maintained, and the appointment of a Hindu Moslem committee to settle communal disputes.

**BANK FUSION.**  
**A PROVISIONAL AGREEMENT.**

**LONDON, December 17.**  
The latest big fusion of banking interests concerns the North Scotland Bank, and the Midland Bank who have entered into a provisional agreement under which the Midland offers 11 fully paid 50/- shares for every four North Scotland £20 partly paid shares. The North Scotland is to retain its name and to continue its separate existence.

**HAINAN NEWS.**  
(From Our Own Correspondent.)

**December 11, 1923.**  
The political situation has changed considerably during the past month or two. For one thing peace of a sort has come at last to the distracted Luichow Peninsula. The troops of Gen. Teng fought the bandits on the peninsula hard and long but at every sortie they met defeat. All that the regulars were able to do was to hold Si Yun City. (This is at the south tip of the peninsula, at a point opposite Hoihow.) Finally the bandits were invited to make peace and the government troops got out. I do not know just what terms were given the bandits but at least they seem satisfied to accept them. They now hold all the official positions in the district and therefore have gone back to their ruined villages and the destroyed market-towns have reopened business.

Another factor in the situation is the People's Army. This faction is naturally pro-Sun, if not actually under his orders. The leader is Chen K'izl, the revolutionary leader who opposed Gen. Sal in 1920, in an attempt to capture Kiangchow City. The People's Army has three centres, one in the forest country of Yun Sio district, the second in Leng Tai district and the third south of Nodua in the Lol Mountains. The People's Army made a faint-hearted attack against Deng-Ang city about three weeks ago and were driven off with the

**OIL.**  
**WORLD OUTLOOK REVIEWED.**  
**"ANGLO-PERSIAN" MEETING.**  
(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

**LONDON, December 17.**  
Presiding at a meeting of the Anglo-Persian Oil Company, Sir Charles Greenway, alluding to the possibility of the Government disposing of their Anglo-Persian shares said the Company had no control over the sale of shares by a shareholder, therefore they were in no wise parties to such a proposal. They had not been consulted and need not be consulted thereon, consequently he was not in a position to give any definite information. He understood that no decision had yet been reached but should a sale be effected the interests of the other shareholders would be fully protected.

Referring to criticisms with regard to the Company's "colossal" expenditure, he declared that the value of the new territory hitherto proved had far exceeded the cost of the whole of their testing operations. Dealing with future prospects he said no improvement could be expected in the current year but a substantial improvement was expectable in the following year if the prices of their products did not further decline. It appeared pretty certain they were not far from the point at which the demand would again overtake the supply. The unexpected increase in production in the United States resulting in abnormally high prices was nearly exhausted while the fact that the world's consumption of oil products was increasing by leaps and bounds must accentuate the reaction towards the recovery of prices.

**STRESEMANN'S LAPSUS LINGUAE.**  
**DEPRESSION IN BERLIN.**

**BERLIN, December 17.**  
Some depression has been caused in political circles by a passage in Herr Stresemann's speech yesterday where he declared that the excitement in Germany was so great that the German Government was unable to assume responsibility for the lives and safety of those undertaking the military control of Germany. It is feared this statement is not calculated to further the progress of the negotiations with France.

**MEXICAN MELEE.**  
**REBEL SUCCESSES CLAIMED.**

**NEW YORK, December 17.**  
Advices from the Government side of the Mexican conflict are almost completely lacking. President Obregon, having organised his forces in the West, appears to have temporarily abandoned the Guadalajara campaign and to be turning his attention to the rebel thrust from Vera Cruz. The rebels claim to hold Puebla City and Cuauhtla. The latter is only forty six miles south-east of the capital. —Reuter's American Service.

**POINT OF VIEW.**

I work sixteen hours a day very often.—Countess of Warwick.  
I have no time to talk to a common policeman.—Viscount Carlton.  
The theatre is the most important institution in England to-day.—Mr. St. John Ervine.  
The time has come for love to smother the despotism of pots and pans.—Mrs. Kolontay.  
I fear that the hearts of a good many people reside in their pockets.—Sir Ian Hamilton.  
I hope that in twenty years' time the housing shortage will be overcome.—Lord Ashcombe.  
Cigarettes are nasty things, utterly bad for the eyes and bad for the nose.—The Prime Minister.  
It is impossible for this country to remain the shock absorber of the world.—Sir Montague Barlow.  
There are no dead fallacies; they have to be killed again and again, and always come up smiling.—Dean Inge.  
The world continues to offer glittering prizes to those who have stout hearts and sharp swords.—Lord Birkenhead.  
Any two people who have spent more than two days together already have the material for a lifelong feud.—Mr. Sinclair Lewis.  
Fashion is an arbitrary goddess who causes us to do extraordinary things to our bodies which we spend the next forty years in regretting.—Sir Arthur Keith.

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Wan Ching 231 Queen's Road, from  
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Ulysses, from Amoy.

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N. LUND,  
Act. Superintendent.  
Hongkong, 13th December, 1923.

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List of unclaimed telegrams lying in  
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Despatch from New York.

Hindmarsh, from Shanghai.

R. M. MACALPINE,  
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the 20th December, 1923, at 11  
o'clock in the forenoon, for the  
purpose of receiving a statement of  
accounts and the report of the  
General Managers for the year ended  
30th September, 1923, and electing  
a Consulting Committee and Auditors.  
The Transfer Books of the Company  
will be closed from FRIDAY,  
the 7th December, 1923, until  
THURSDAY, the 20th December,  
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Hongkong, 30th November, 1923.

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## VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB.

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ING of members will be held at  
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R. C. WITCHELL,  
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Hongkong, 17th December, 1923.

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## INTIMATIONS.

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No. S. 446.—It is hereby notified that sealed tenders in triplicate which should be clearly marked "Tender for Quarries," will be received at this Office until Noon on Monday, the 24th day of December, 1923, for the letting of the undermentioned Granite Quarries at Hongkong and the New Territories, for one year or, as an alternative, for a period of 3 years from the 1st January, 1924.

Each tender must be accompanied by a receipt to the effect that the tenderer has deposited to the Colonial Treasury a sum as stated in the schedule hereunder opposite to each quarry, as a pledge of the bona fides of his offer, which sum shall be forfeited to the Crown, if the tenderer refuses to carry out his tender and comply with the conditions hereinafter contained, should the tender be accepted.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the highest or any tenders.  
Forms of tender can be obtained from the Director of Public Works.

## PARTICULARS OF THE QUARRIES.

| Quarry Lot No.      | Approximate Area in Acres. | Upset Annual Gross Rent. | Deposit with tender. |
|---------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
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| Ah Kung Ngam No. 2  | .93                        | 280.00                   | 50.00                |
| Too Tee Wan No. 1   | 1.84                       | 200.00                   | 50.00                |
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| Sai Tso Wan No. 2   | 14.50                      | 2,900.00                 | 300.00               |
| Lyemun No. 1        | 1.46                       | 290.00                   | 50.00                |
| Lyemun No. 2        | 1.60                       | 360.00                   | 50.00                |
| Lyemun No. 3        | 1.90                       | 440.00                   | 50.00                |
| Lyemun No. 4        | .30                        | 700.00                   | 70.00                |
| Lyemun No. 5        | 14.70                      | 2,940.00                 | 300.00               |
| Lyemun No. 6        | 10.39                      | 2,080.00                 | 200.00               |
| Cha Kwo Liang No. 1 | 6.92                       | 1,380.00                 | 140.00               |
| Cha Kwo Liang No. 2 | 9.17                       | 1,830.00                 | 180.00               |
| Cha Kwo Liang No. 3 | 11.46                      | 2,290.00                 | 230.00               |
| Cha Kwo Liang No. 4 | 10.30                      | 2,060.00                 | 210.00               |
| Ngau Tau Kok No. 1  | 6.89                       | 1,380.00                 | 140.00               |
| Ngau Tau Kok No. 2  | 12.94                      | 2,590.00                 | 260.00               |
| Ngau Tau Kok No. 3  | 11.15                      | 2,230.00                 | 220.00               |
| Ngau Tau Kok No. 4  | 6.67                       | 1,330.00                 | 110.00               |
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| Ngau Tau Kok No. 6  | 3.58                       | 716.00                   | 70.00                |

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| Shaukiwan Lot No. 1 | 37.00                      | \$5,550.00               | \$550.00             |
| Shaukiwan Lot No. 2 | 40.38                      | 6,060.00                 | 600.00               |
| Kowloon No. 1       | 11.10                      | 4,440.00                 | 450.00               |
| Kowloon No. 2       | 7.04                       | 2,820.00                 | 280.00               |
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## MAIL WEEK NEWS.

ITEMS FROM FAR AND  
NEAR.

There are indications of great im-  
provement in the Welsh coal trade.  
Alderman H. Bulmer is to retire  
from Hove Town Council after  
thirty years' membership.

Charles Coburn is going to Cologne  
to entertain the British troops.

A motor van containing provisions  
worth £300 was stolen from outside  
Leadenhall Market.

Ebbw Vale Steel Company have  
secured an order for 6,000 tons of  
steel rails for Bombay.

Fifty bandits stopped a train be-  
tween Vilna and Baronowicz and  
stole seventy millions of Polish  
marks.

As a result of bombing operations  
in Waziristan the Gurm Khel tribe  
have accepted all the British terms.

Wm. Beahford, 84, of Long Dit-  
ton, was killed by a van (which did  
not stop) on the Portsmouth road  
near Esher.

All the East Riding of Yorkshire  
has been declared an infested area  
owing to the spread of foot and  
mouth disease.

Wills.—Mr. Joseph Edward Sut-  
ton, of Hampstead, left £216,202;  
Mr. Wm. B. Irvin, of Aughton,  
Lancs., £38,772; Miss Marion Pau-  
line Margaretson (aged 24), of Nor-  
bury, £44,922.

After eating a hearty meal at a  
Buffalo dinner at Merham (Kent),  
one of the guests remarked that he  
would eat a quarter loaf, a quarter  
of a pound of cheese, and a large  
onion. He won.

Mr. S. H. Rotis, postmaster of  
North Weald (Essex) has a chicken  
which since moulting has changed  
from black to white.

An Admiralty order directs the  
entry into the Royal Dockyards for  
the winter to relieve unemployment  
of 1,100 men at Portsmouth, 770 at  
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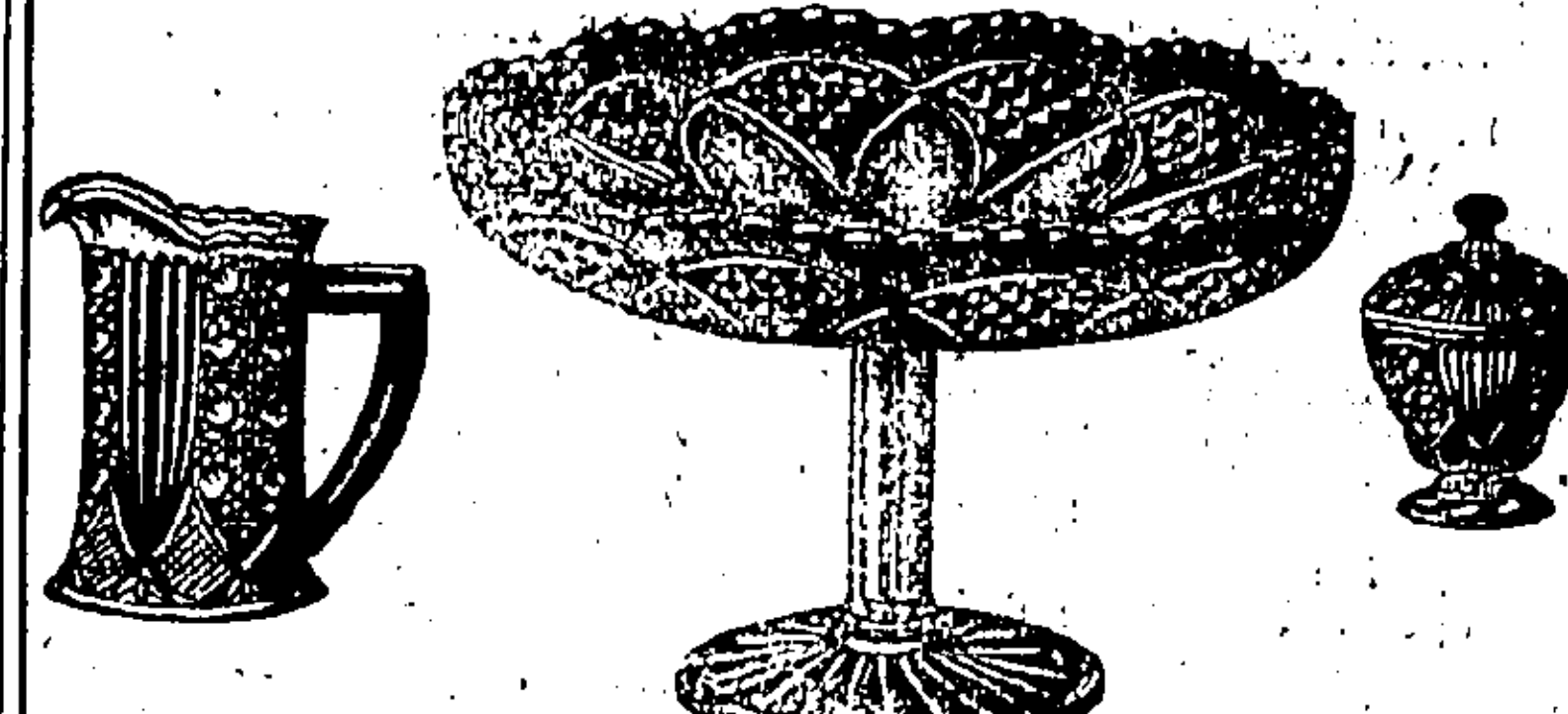
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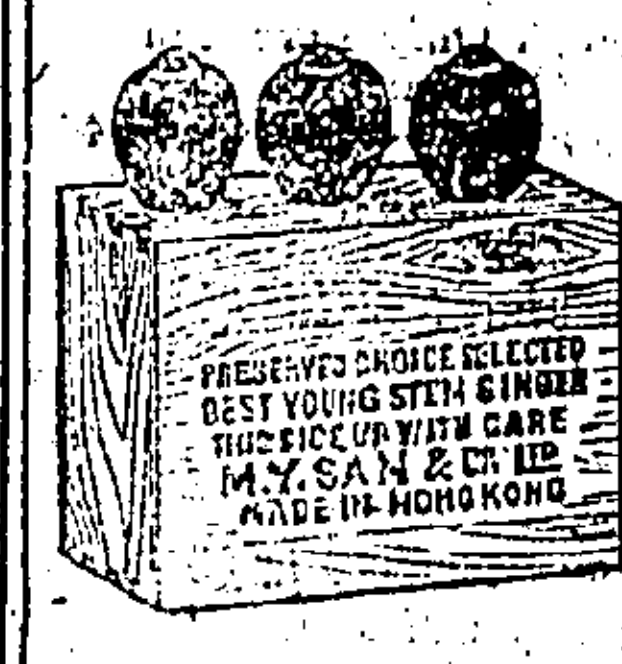
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## The China Mail.

HONGKONG TUESDAY, Dec. 18, 1923.

### PEACE.

Only those intimately behind the diplomatic scenes know how near the brink of war nations have been since the war that was to end war ceased its clamour. Only those who are permanently engaged in the task of advising the leaders of the Government can tell us how patient has been the attitude of the British Government in dealing with her war-inflamed neighbour—an attitude which, so it appears on the surface, has led to the loss of prestige hitherto enjoyed as a matter of right by the British Nation. Whether it is the cold temperance usually assigned as a British characteristic, or the knowledge of the lesson that war does not pay and is to be avoided at all costs, that keeps a restraining hand on the leash of the dogs of war, we know not, but we are inclined to think if the National blood cooled a little more quickly and at greater heat, the European situation would be this have assumed an altogether different, and probably worse, aspect than it bears at the moment. Attempts at world peace—on paper, have always been a favourite of the theorists, some of them dreamers and visionaries whom we may well

be thankful for. The late Carr tried his hand; ex-President Woodrow Wilson's effort is to be found in the League of Nations, which as a publicist has wittily said if it is only half a League, is still a half a League onward; the Washington Conference was a step forward in the same direction, but nothing we think to be compared with the idea of a League, half though it may only be. The trouble about war is that it never seems to teach its fallacious message. Economists know all about it, but the knowledge of it all brings with it no conviction to the many who should be impressed. Matters of infinitely lesser importance outweigh practical consideration. It may be our amour propre, or our sense of our own country right or wrong; the idea that might is right and that the other side is always in the wrong and that it has been preordained we shall teach the lesson and show who is master!

Just now America is somewhat interested in her Mr. Edward Bok's offer of \$100,000 for the suggestion deemed best to solve the question of the world's peace, and the committee appointed to deal with the thousands which have been sent in are at this moment engaged on what is a stupendous task. The contest if such it can be called, has attracted representatives from the many, hued and typed that inhabit the continent, which may prompt the people to say that it is not the question of peace which has proved

the magnet, but the possibility of winning or earning such a large sum of money. \$100,000 is not too much to pay for a solution that is likely to bring peace and happiness, contentment and prosperity in its train—if adopted. There the rub lies—if adopted. For to some of us no good can come out of this or that country—from this or that source. We must wait however, for the result of this method of spending; better perhaps than Carnegie's way of building libraries, and buying bells and organs for Chapels. Meanwhile what is wrong with this suggestion which comes to our notice, and which appeals by reason of the fact that it affects every man woman and child of the country which adopts it? Let it be asked that in the event of a declaration of war, the property, equally with the persons, lives, and liberties of all citizens shall be subject to "consecration for the defence of the Nation." That at once affects the person likely to make inordinate profit out of any war which might take place; the indispensable worker who is in safe security while the other indispensable worker is wallowing in the mud of a no-man's land; the arm-chair critic whose match-stick manoeuvres have been the subject of caricaturists' pencils; the rich who hitherto have only had the value of their securities and investments affected; the aged, and those "too old to fight." The list could be extended and the effectiveness of the suggestion demonstrated. Let us imagine that England adopts this idea and that war is thrust upon her. Immediately the nation and its resources becomes one man with one aim. A war carried on on these lines should surely come to a speedy end and the feasibility of the scheme at once seen and as soon adopted by others. The equal distribution of responsibility for a war; the fact that no man nor any group of men could profit in the slightest degree by it, and the cognizance that suffering and sacrifice, parallel at least to that of the soldier in the trenches—these may not induce to a permanent world's peace, but the incentive to war would, if not wholly removed, at least be greatly lessened. It surely is not impossible.

"If the same zeal and trained intelligence now employed in planning participation in 'the next war' were enlisted in the endeavour to avert it, enduring peace would be attained."

### Capital Levy.

A good many people are still in doubt of what precisely is meant by a capital levy the proposal the Labour Party has put forward in its annual publications.

These proposals are based on the theory that the owners of capital are in a better position to pay taxes than any other people, and that therefore every owner of capital should be required to pay a levy—which is only another name for a tax—on the amount of capital he owns.

Thus a man who had saved money during the war to lend to the country would be taxed on the total amount of stock he held.

A farmer would be taxed on the capital he had invested to equip his farm; a shopkeeper on the value of his stock-in-trade, and possibly also on the price he had paid for the goodwill of his business.

Private manufacturers would be taxed on the value of their buildings and machinery, and on the stock of materials they held and the finished goods waiting for sale; land-owners would pay on the capital value of their estates. Companies would be taxed through their shareholders.

The imposition of a capital levy would require a complete valuation of all the property in the country, including land and houses, factories, machinery, farmers' stock, and all stock-in-trade, public securities, and bank balances.

Indeed, if the levy is to be fairly assessed it would also be necessary to have an official valuation of domestic furniture and personal jewellery, for otherwise the holders of securities might, in order to evade the levy, sell out their securities and invest the money in Nankin China or costly pearls.

In any event the first step towards a capital levy must be the creation of a gigantic new organisation to value all the capital of the country.

The organisation would have to be a new one, for though capital passing by death is now subject to taxation and the values returned by executors have to be checked by Somerset House, less than a third

part of the total capital of the country passes annually by death, and the process of official valuation is simplified by the fact that the property has to change hands.

When the work of valuation for the capital levy is completed, the owner of the property would be required to pay a levy proportional to the amount of capital credited to him by the official valuers.

Is it worth it?

### Criticism.

In speaking of amateur productions a charged levelled at local newspapers by a prominent amateur was to the effect that whilst visiting companies were the subject of invective praise, the productions of the A.D.C. were invariably subject to harsh criticism. We beg leave to doubt that statement. The productions from our experience of them, are given more detailed analysis—they are made an "event," and in certain quarters an attempt is made to find out what the author of the play is "getting at," and to see if those who are acting are doing so to the strict letter of the author's intention. If this be admitted then it seems a very complimentary way of doing things and much more tolerant than the ordinary playgoer who arrives at his own conclusion without loss of time, and without a thought of the immense amount of concentrated thought which is invariably behind our local productions; and the immense amount of work done by those performing who have their daily avocations to attend to. In Shanghai if we are to judge by a letter which appeared in our Northern contemporary, the charge is reversed. It is stated that undue praise is given to A.D.C. productions in that Baiting City, and that impartial criticism is "honoured in the breach." The charge is refuted and the fact made known that the standard of criticism is the same as that applied to all similar ventures in the Far East, except that it is infinitely more tolerant—for from the boards of the stage up, these local shows are the work of amateurs. Tolerance is the word that we think meets the case. Of criticism of our local efforts, but not the tolerance we hope which is weak and plastic. A healthy tolerant criticism is what we all need, and made and accepted in the right spirit will do much to further the cause of all art.

A good story of "THE DEAR," his school days was told recently by Dr. DARLING, Willink, Dean of Norwich.

At Gifford College, where he was educated, each morning the boys assembled for prayers and roll call by the Head; the names being called out in alphabetical order, but in order of merit, as decided by the previous term's examination.

Dr. Willink recalls how each morning for a whole term his name stood fourth on the list, and the names were called out in succession thus:

"Dear, Sweet, Darling, Willink."

Glasses an' ALL SCOTCH. insas are brittle ware.

Little wit in the pow that lights the candle at the lowe.

If ye sell your purse tae your wife, gie her breaks tae the bairn.

The delfe aye guid tae his ain. Nether marry a widow unless her first man was hanged.

As carked as a coo wi' ae horns. Gin ye hadna been among the crows, ye wadna hae been shot.

Hanging's sair on the e'sicht. Far away fowls hae fine feathers.

Leave welcome abint ye. We can point for debt, but no for unkindness.

Ye ca' handest at the nail that drives fastest. A bonniebride's soon buskit.

He gae lang bareft that waits on dead men's shoon. Guid claes open a' doors.

Far, sought an' dear bought is good for lads. Every man can guile an ill wife.

Weef but him that has her. Now is now—Yule's the winter. It's no lost what a freend gets.

Love yer freens an' look tae yerse!

FRESH MEAT. We do not know how our local navy men are fed, but we notice that at home they are no longer fed on fresh meat as was the case before the war. Fresh meat could be bought in the home market for two pence a pound more than it costs to secure inferior frozen supplies from abroad. The Admiralty has ruled that it cannot afford the extra expense involved. It is likely that the Admiralty would like to give their men fresh meat, but the treasury will not hear of it. If therefore our sailors do not look so well as they ought, you will know the reason. Boy! we would shun the office life!

I was fresh meat at one time. Our Jacks were fed upon. Now it's frozen stuff they dine. And are quite Fed-up on.

Do You Dread the Night? Conks and co's always seem to grow worse at night-fall and crop come without warning at midnight. I've been in the house a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It's soothing, healing and contains no narcotics. For sale everywhere.

With the almost universal use of motor conveyances by our officials it is very likely that they are ignorant of the state of some of our sidewalks. Invariably these are of slabs of stone worn to glossy smoothness by the countless unshod wanderers of generations. Very often leather-booted people come a cropper or nearly do for the simple reason that a secure foothold is easier on the Swiss Alps than in parts of Queen's Road and the side streets. If we cannot have modern sidewalks there any reason why the granite blocks should not be clipped and cross lines made on their surface. This would save a few accidents and lessen the out put of the ruddy d... n.

While local fond parents are busy having their young ones taught the piano, classical and jazz dancing, others in England are seeking that their girls are receiving instruction to fit them for service as waitresses. Doubtless they have no option. That the lessons taught are being absorbed may be judged from an essay on "A Good Waitress" written by one of the girls in training. It reads, in part—

She must have a pleasant expression and an agreeable manner; she must speak clearly and answer politely; she must be very alert to the needs of her customers. She must think ahead and be accurate in her figures. She must hold her head up, her shoulders back, and stand well. She must serve on the left-hand side and move to the right-hand side, and she must save herself journeys and rest as much as possible. Such a paragon one can hardly imagine remaining a waitress long.

That this profane blurb is not confined merely to Hongkong is evidenced by a letter which appeared in a recent issue of the North China Daily News as follows:—

Sir,—The theatre going public attending A.D.C. performances will not, I fear, have any redress against late comers, the reason being that some of the offenders belong to that section of the community known as "influential" and it is not in the interests of producers and performers alike to adopt rules to bar late-comers and thus give offence. Considering that all those taking part in A.D.C. performances put in much hard work cheerfully and give of their best to please and amuse, it is up to the audiences, one and all, to show their appreciation by being punctually in their seats on play nights.

I am, etc., A "GRIFIN" or 1895. Shanghai, December 8, 1923.

Today's Poem. (Wet Pavements.) Wet black pavements in the dripping of the rain—Wet black pavements are mirroring plain.

Magic of colour in the streets at night—Mugic of colours, when signs drip light—When booths are brandishing torches bold—When blazing windows burst with gold—When a string of trolleys, that lazily sprawls—A flaming yellow caterpillar crawls.

And so I wander and marvel to see How streets, thick-layered with witchery, Glow like a Grabb Bazaar of dreams, In shimmer of flagstone and asphalt's gleams.

Then as I move in the sleek wet night, Chameleons—flagstones, seething bright, Smoulder and dizzle with misty gold; Till it seems that the pavements hold Glimmering galleons and treasure ships.

Blazing with disaster that spurts and drips—Soon as the galleons drown and fill, Out of their tar-black figures spill—Out of the gaping cracks in their hulks, Ingots and topazes of dazzling bulks,

That, trailing a sulphurous fiery track, Smoke in waters of velvet black. ... Oh, there's nothing that's as wonderful to me—Nothing is as wonderful as when I see Magic so stilling and magic so plain.

As wet black pavements in the soft night rain! —LOUIS GINSBERG.

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## WEATHER CALENDAR.

### DECEMBER 18.

1801. A cheerful glorious day. The brook and all trees beautiful, hips bright red, mosses green. I wrote to Coleridge. —Dorothy Wordsworth.
1806. I saw a gentleman from the North of England to-day who says the Trent near Newark covers the whole country and would look magnificent if the trees and hedges did not appear in the middle of it. If frost ensues, I fear it will be very bad for travellers. —Lady Louisa Stuart.

### GREAT.

In life's small things be resolute and great. To keep thy muscle trained, know'st thou when Fate Thy measure takes, or when she'll say to thee "I find thee worthy, do this deed for me." —LOWELL.

## SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised In The Mail.

### ENTERTAINMENTS.

December 18.—Coronet Theatre; Norma Talmadge in "Eternal Flame."

December 18.—Star Theatre; Herbert Rawlinson in "Fools and Riches."

December 18.—World Theatre; Wanda Hawley in "The Truthful Lie."

December 18.—The Grand Theatre; "Trimmed in Scarlet."

December 19.—Theatre Royal; Italian Grand Opera in "Carmen."

December 20.—Theatre Royal; Italian Grand Opera in "Madam Butterfly."

December 23.—Special Medal Round for men on Old Golf course, Fanling.

December 18.—Hongkong Philharmonic Society, Grand Concert, Theatre Royal, 8.15 p.m.

December 22.—Special Theatricals at Repulse Bay, 4.30-6.30 p.m.

January 24.—Fancy Dress Ball at Peak Club, 9.15 p.m.

December 20.—Lammert Bros., at Sales Rooms, a selection of toys, 2.30 p.m.

December 21.—Lammert Bros., property, machinery plant and tanning chemicals of the Hongkong Hide and Leather Co., Ltd., at Sales Rooms, 3 p.m.

December 20.—Fifth ordinary meeting of the China Light Power Co. (1918) Ltd., at St. George's Building, Chater Road, 11 a.m.

December 21.—Annual general meeting of Royal H.K. Golf Club, at Jardine Matheson's, 5.15 p.m.

December 21.—Annual general meeting of V.R.C. 5.30 p.m.

January 3.—Annual general meeting of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club (Ladies' Section), at Helena May Institute, 11 a.m.

### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Lighting up time to-day is at 5.42 p.m.

The Manila Carnival is to be held from February 16 to 24, 1924.

Home Notes on Freemasonry will be found in this issue of the China Mail.

Flour, rice and sugar quotations will be found in this issue of the China Mail under Commercial Notes.

Information has been received from His Britannic Majesty's Consul, Chefoo, that Hongkong and Canton have been declared to be small pox infected and that quarantine restrictions are imposed, as from November 24 on vessels arriving there.

Two lots of Crown land were sold by public auction yesterday. One lot situated in Bowen Road with an area of about 9,400 square feet was sold for \$5,000 to Mr. J. C. Clark on behalf of a Chinese client; the other lot at Mount Cameron which has an area of 23,000 square feet was bought by Mr. H. A. Taylor for \$3,272.

## HONGKONG BY NIGHT.

Victoria: Mountained you lift your lofty head—High above the sea, Ten thousand glittering lights winding their way Along the folds of your mantle free. At your feet the wavelets play In phosphorescent green, Above, the deep unsearchable sky Dazzles in starlit sheen. From the mountain side, from the water, Stridged music in muted shrill, The sampans drowsily rocking, gently, light: The silence, Night!

KATHERINE JAGGAARD.

## KOWLOON LAND CO.

### EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD.

An extraordinary general meeting of shareholders in the Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd., was held at noon to-day at the offices of the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., general agents, to pass a resolution that the company be wound up voluntarily. There were present Messrs. T. E. Pearce (chairman) and G. W. Burton and the Rev. Father L. Robert (directors), Mr. L. S. Greenhill, acting secretary to the general agents, Mr. M. H. Turner of Messrs. Deacon, Harston and Shenton (the company's solicitors) and the following shareholders:—Sir Paul Chater, Mr. P. S. Cassidy, Messrs. H. A. Rodgers, H. A. Seth, J. H. Seth, W. J. Wilkinson and W. R. Wilkinson.

After the Acting Secretary had read the notice calling the meeting the chairman said—

CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH. Gentlemen,—You will have gathered from the circular issued to shareholders last July that this company has disposed of all its landed property and that all its assets now consist of cash. The amount of cash lying at our credit, on deposit at the bank, interest thereon up to the 6th January next and on current account will approximately total \$551,000.

As you will have seen from the advertisement calling this meeting it is proposed voluntarily to wind up the company and distribute the available assets to shareholders.

The capital of the company consists of 6,000 shares of \$50 each, on which \$30 per share has been paid up, so that after paying legal and liquidating expenses there should be a return which I think you will agree with me is a very favourable one.

I have to report that I hold proxies from 29 shareholders representing 1,500 shares.

I now beg to propose the following resolution and, after it has been duly seconded, shall be pleased to answer any questions to the best of my ability:—

"That this Company be wound up voluntarily."

Sir Paul Chater seconded the motion and there being no questions, the resolution was put to the meeting and carried unanimously. The Chairman then said: "Before you go, Gentlemen, I would remind you that a confirmatory meeting will be held here at noon on January 4, at which I trust you will be able to be present. That is all the business. Thank you for your attendance."

### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

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At a recent meeting of the Council of the Yacht Racing Association at Home, the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club and the Shanghai Yacht Club were added to the list of recognised yacht clubs.

A raid by Senior Revenue Officer G. Watt at Portland Street, on September 24, had its sequel in a case at yesterday's adjourned November sessions when a Chinese man and woman were indicted on five counts for unlawful possession of copper plates, notes, papers, etc. Evidence was called and the case adjourned till to-day.

The following changes concerning the U. S. consular service in the Orient are announced:—Mr. Clarence J. Spiker, Consul at Chungking, has been transferred to Swatow, while Mr. Culver B. Chamberlain, formerly student interpreter at Yokohama and more recently Vice-consul at Canton, will be in Chungking in future. Messrs. Gordon Burke, Vice-consul-in-charge at Swatow, and Austin B. Preston, Vice-consul at Carreiras at Auckland, N.Z., have been assigned to Shanghai.



# DOCTOR WINS. ACTION AGAINST MEDICAL MAN.

## JURY STOP CASE.

### PROFESSORS AS WITNESSES.

Two University Professors were among the witnesses called for the defence this morning in the action brought by Mr. Thorwald Andersen against Dr. Sanders, of the Matilda Hospital, claiming damages for alleged neglectful treatment, which was heard at the Supreme Court before the Chief Justice (Sir William Rees Davies K.C.) and a special jury. A party of medical students from the University followed the proceedings with evident interest.

Mr. C. G. Alabaster K.C., O.B.E., (instructed by Mr. G. R. Haywood) appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. F. C. Jenkin (instructed by Messrs. Johnson Stokes and Master) for the defendant.

The special jurors were: Messrs. F. Smyth (foreman) G. P. Curry, L. G. Bird, G. M. Young, J. Reid, W. C. Goggin and O. L. Ellis.

**Mr. Jenkin's Opening.**  
Opening the case for the defence, Mr. Jenkin put it to the jury that they would fail to find that in fact the disability from which Mr. Andersen suffered was from some want of proper treatment on the part of Dr. Sanders. "From the recesses of Orient Buildings," said Mr. Jenkin, "Mr. Alabaster has produced Dr. Woodman, who has had the daring to give evidence against a brother medical man and failed to take the trouble, when he had the fullest opportunity of doing so, to look at the condition of Mr. Andersen's hand."

"Can you," counsel asked, "imagine a man, who has care and skill of his own or who has any regard for the profession of which he claims to be a member, coming into Court and asking a jury to pay great heed to his evidence when he has failed to take the first and most outstanding care in examination of the most essential thing—Mr. Andersen's hand?"

### Skeleton Hand.

With the aid of a skeleton hand Mr. Jenkin demonstrated to the jury the truth of his statement that the injury to Mr. Andersen's hand was of extraordinary medical interest because it was without precedent so far as they were able to find in the annals of medical learning. It was most unusual to find a fracture of the metacarpal bone in addition to a Colles fracture, which occurred in the case of Mr. Andersen, and Dr. Sanders was not negligent in not looking for it. A lot had been made of this failure to diagnose the fracture but they would be satisfied, counsel thought, that had Dr. Sanders in fact successfully diagnosed the existence of this metacarpal fracture there was absolutely nothing, that could have been done under the circumstances that he omitted to do. The medical gentlemen he proposed to call would tell them that where a man, who was advancing in years had a fall and was a heavily built man, give him what treatment you would, he would have some disability. The little disability Mr. Andersen now had was consonant with good treatment and no doctor or surgeon would hope to get a better result.

**Dr. Sanders' Evidence.**  
Mr. Jenkin then called the defendant, Dr. James Herbert Sanders, who said his qualifications were M.D., L.R.C.S. and L.R.C.P. He had been a registered medical practitioner for 25 years and was for two years a resident medical officer at the London Hospital, acting as house surgeon for part of the time. He was also honorary anaesthetist to the London Throat Hospital. In 1906 he was appointed medical superintendent of the Matilda Hospital and had occupied that post ever since. During the war he was again appointed resident medical officer at the London Hospital being subsequently transferred to the position of C. R. M. O. at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital receiving wounded from France. From there he went to the Boscombe Hospital where he dealt with men direct from France—"often with the mud of the trenches on their clothes." His experience of fractures during that period was very great. At the Matilda Hospital he looked after the general administration.

**Andersen's Case.**  
His first connection with Andersen's case was a telephone message from Dr. Smalley on the morning of December 14. Dr. Smalley said he was anxious about a man who had had a serious injury to his head and a Colles fracture of the arm. The plaintiff arrived at the hospital at about 11.30. Witness was waiting for him and took him to the operating room. A child from Dr. Smalley had mentioned blood clots, which rather worried witness as he thought it might possibly indicate a fracture of the base of the skull. Andersen also had an abnormally high pulse. Witness made a X-ray screen examination of the man's arm to see if there were any displacement of the bones.

He did not observe any displacement and had the patient put back to bed. Witness could not see the fracture but Andersen had been treated by an experienced medical man—not by first aid, as suggested—the splint was in a good position and the patient would have been caused much suffering if he had removed it. The wrist was very much swollen and he never from the very first entertained any doubt that he was treating a fractured wrist. To allay the patient's anxiety he told Andersen, after looking at the screen, that he could not see any fracture. This was the truth although he knew from Dr. Smalley that there actually was a fracture. Because of the condition of the patient witness kept him absolutely quiet the first day, making him as comfortable as possible. On the second day he prescribed active and passive movements of the fingers to prevent adhesions and to keep the tendons free. No other treatment was possible, in witness's opinion and had the patient been in perfect health, otherwise, he should have done no different. That treatment was maintained throughout Andersen's stay in hospital. To the layman the fact of telling him merely to move his fingers possibly constituted nothing. Witness denied telling Andersen that he could remove the splint four days after he came in—that was unthinkable.

### Walked out Himself.

About December 21 Andersen told witness he wanted to go home for Xmas and witness said it was impossible. He was very keen to go home and witness explained to him then that he had a fracture which would require supervision. Witness said he could not consent to his going out and that if he went he (witness) would disclaim further responsibility for the case. Three days later Andersen walked out himself without witness's knowledge. Witness's written records showed that on December 19 he removed the splint with the intention of taking a photograph but he was called away to attend a maternity case which took the rest of that day. On December 21 he attempted, for purposes of record, to take a photograph with a plate he had in the hospital. Had this photograph been successful he would not have treated the case any differently. It in fact turned out a blank—it was very difficult to keep the plates on the Peak—and he took another one on December 28 when he told Andersen that he would like to have a record and if he would bring up a plate from Mee Cheung's he would try to take another photograph. It was all done in the most open and friendly manner. In taking this photograph he tried to take as much of the hand as he could but the apparatus was an old one—he erected it himself in 1913—and it was difficult to tell just how much was being taken. When Andersen gave him the prints of the photograph witness explained to him how it was he was unable to see the fracture on the screen. From that time he had not seen Andersen again until yesterday. The splint on Andersen's arm, he added, was not a leg splint but a perfectly straight one.

### Dr. Woodman's Letter.

Mr. Alabaster proceeded to cross-examine the defendant about Dr. Woodman's letter. "Do you," he asked, "say that it was wrong of Mr. Andersen to have photographs taken?"

Defendant: Certainly not. Mr. Alabaster: Do you associate yourself with your counsel's statement that it was wrong of Dr. Woodman to give an opinion?

Defendant: I think the proper course was to have communicated with me and heard the whole history of the case.

Mr. Alabaster: Do you suggest that Dr. Woodman's opinion was not an honest one?

Witness: I don't think I should like to express an opinion at all. It is a letter I cannot understand a man writing. I don't know why I should suggest it is dishonest.

**Professor Digby Called.**  
Professor K. H. Digby, F.R.C.S. &c., Professor of Surgery at the Hongkong University, said he examined the plaintiff yesterday morning for half an hour. The man had been suffering from a Colles and metacarpal fracture. Assuming he knew nothing of the history of the case he would say the patient's condition showed a good result. He found the deformity was slight and less than was usually found in a Colles fracture. If the plaintiff were a professional plaintiff the disability would be total but witness would consider that, as the plaintiff was a clerk of works, the damage as presented about 15 per cent. In the witness's view no surgeon would guarantee a better result. Complete recovery would be very unlikely, no matter how expert the treatment. He thought Dr. Sanders' treatment was the correct treatment in the circumstances. Witness had never previously heard of tend of a case in which a Colles fracture was complicated by a fracture of the metacarpal bone.

### Anatomy Expert's View.

Professor J. L. Sheelkhan, Professor of Anatomy at Hongkong University, said that he

# EUROPEAN LADY'S BAG. BATTERY PATH SNATCHING INCIDENT.

## MR. BULLOCK'S SMART CAPTURE.

Shrewdness on the part of Mr. J. A. E. Bullock, of the Colonial Secretariat and a good spirit by Mr. A. K. Mackenzie brought to book a Chinese young man who snatched a brown knitted handbag from Miss Googhegan, living at the Kowloon Hotel, when she was walking up Battery Path at about a quarter to seven last evening.

The complainant lady, giving evidence before Mr. E. W. Hamilton this morning, said that she was on her way to the Peak tram station when she felt a pull at her hand from behind. On looking round she saw a man of the coolie class, dressed similarly to defendant, making off down the steps leading to the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank. She called out and was answered by a European gentleman near by (Mr. Bullock) who said "All right; I'll get him."

In the witness-box, Mr. Mackenzie stated that he was going out of the Cricket Club ground into the Hongkong Club when he noticed Mr. Bullock approaching. The latter told him that a Chinese had snatched a lady's handbag at Battery Path. Defendant who was about five yards away, started to run and shouted out in Chinese "It is not me." He caught defendant near the Naval Yard and held him by both wrists when a spot of case and handkerchief (identified by Miss Googhegan as part of the contents of the bag) dropped out and were picked up by Mr. Bullock.

Giving evidence, Mr. Bullock told the Court that he saw defendant go up to the lady and put himself right down on the ground. In a second or so, he had snatched the bag and made off down the steps. He, Mr. Bullock followed him down the steps into Wardsley Street, where defendant broke into a walk as no hue and cry was raised and witness was walking himself to take him by surprise. Defendant turned round by the Queen's Statue to the Law Courts. Here Mr. Bullock saw him go behind the pillars and fumble with the bag as though to go through the contents. Proceeding along Chater Road, Mr. Bullock still kept the man under observation as he was "conspicuously prominent on account of his wearing a light coat and dark trousers." When he saw Mr. Mackenzie he asked him if he would do some running. Mr. Bullock then confirmed Mr. Mackenzie's evidence as to the arrest and the picking up of the spectacles case and handkerchief.

Sergeant J. MacWalter deposed to being on duty at the bottom of Garden Road when defendant was handed into his custody. On the information of Mr. Bullock he took defendant back to the Law Courts where he found the bag. After defendant had made a statement denying that he was on Battery Path at all, His Worship said "This handbag snatching is getting rather frequent," and imposed sentence of two months hard labour with twelve strokes of the birch. He then congratulated Mr. Bullock on a "successful bit of detective work."

also had examined the plaintiff's forearm. He thought it was a very good result. The deformity was very slight. The particular injury to the plaintiff's forearm was most exceptional and as a matter of research he had not been able to find a similar case. Not even a specialist would expect any damage to the metacarpal if accompanied by a Colles fracture.

Dealing with the matter of X-ray photographs the witness indicated that on this subject he held rather extreme views. The useful interpretation of X-ray photographs was, he pointed out, very difficult because with the X-rays you got a photograph not of the bones but of the shadow of the bones. In witness's opinion there was no other treatment Dr. Sanders could have prescribed than the active and passive movement of the fingers he actually adopted.

**Jury's Opinion.**  
At this point the foreman of the jury got up. "We wish to know," he said, "whether, in your Lordship's opinion, you think it necessary for us to hear any further evidence?"

The Chief Justice: That is a matter entirely in your discretion. In order to find for the plaintiff you would have to be satisfied that he had received a want of professional skill by the defendant in this case. It is entirely for you to say whether you wish to hear further evidence on that point.

After conferring with his colleagues the foreman of the jury announced: "The opinion of the jury is that the plaintiff has not proved his case."

# LOONGSANG" BLASTING. DESCRIBED AS "CANTON BOMBARDER."

An amusing episode was enacted on the arrival of the Indo-China s.s. "Mingang" from Canton early this morning. A Yunnanese Lieutenant in Dr. Sun Yat-sen's Aviation Corps had been detained in connection with the discovery of parts of an automatic pistol. He spoke perfect English and was engaged in conversation with a European officer when a blast from the wreck of the "Loongsang" was heard.

"What is that?" the aviator asked. "Oh, it is the British bombardier 'Canton,'" replied the Revenue Officer, with a smile. From what was gathered of the conversation the aviator had received orders when in Yunnan to proceed to Canton and join up as soon as possible.

## BOGUS POSTMEN.

**ARMED ROBBERS RUSE.**

Residents in the neighbourhood of No. 87, Austin Road, Kowloon, were startled at about 2.15 p.m. yesterday when a number of police whistles were heard from that house. What had happened was that three Chinese had obtained admittance on the pretence of delivering a letter, and had held up the inmates with two revolvers.

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A pleasant way to go is to ferry across from the island of Hongkong to Kowloon on the mainland, and take the morning train to Canton, returning in the evening by boat. Ninety miles of Chinese scenery—fishing villages, glimpses of the sea with sampans and strangely-built fishing junks, fields of rice, sugar cane, bamboo, pagodas, temples. Even the mountains and tunnels are different from those at home.

We arrive in Canton in time for tiffin, as the midday meal is called. To-day this will be a regular European meal at an English hotel in Shamnoon, the foreign settlement across the canal from Canton. We must remember that we are the foreigners, the Chinese the natives. If they laugh and point their fingers at us, we must not mind, for we really appear amusing to them. They do not think us nearly so handsome as their own people. Once when in Canton, I was accompanied by a friend with red hair, which was apparently as strange to them as bright green hair would be to us. The children in the streets screamed with mirth and called to their parents to come to the door. A mob followed our sedan chairs through the streets, laughing and pointing at my friend, while shouting "Yes, yes, yes," the only English word they knew.

**THE NARROW STREETS.**  
After tiffin we engage a guide to take us across the canal to Canton. He leads the way in a fine sedan chair, with silk curtains and tassels like a prince, and we follow in ordinary sedan chairs like quite humble people. All afternoon he orders us about as if he were a commanding officer and we his soldiers. Perhaps this is necessary, for if we were to stray away to investigate the interesting sights that are on every hand, it would be difficult indeed for us to find our way back to the hotel.

The streets are often so narrow that we can touch both sides at once as we pass along in our chairs. They are in no place more than eight feet wide. They are long and straight, laid out at an angle that enables them to get the breeze without getting the direct rays of the sun. Along both sides of the streets are shops with open fronts like alcoves. Usually there are a number of the same kind of shops together. For instance, there will be a street of silk shops, another of shoe shops, another of meat markets and so on. The houses usually have two stories, a combination of shop and residence.

Our boat sails at half past four. So now we must choose what we wish to see. Here is a list of the places usually visited by foreigners, here for only one or two days: Rice-paper picture painters, edible-bird's nest vendors, Temple of the God Genii, old embroidery shops, Flowery Pagoda, Jade-stone Street, Gate of Virtue, Emperor's Temple, ginger factory, maiting factory, water clock. Then there are temples and palaces that do not look in the least palatial. Everything is interesting in Canton, but there is little beauty and grandeur.

**THE SIGHTS OF THE PLACE.**  
We could not discover why the Flowery Pagoda was so called, unless it is because it is surrounded by a garden. The pagoda itself was not at all flowery. Looking down from its top, one sees a wilderness of red-tile roofs, miles and miles of them, relieved here and there by large green trees, and beyond these an ancient wall with several gates.

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A large number of tickets have already been sold and amongst those who it is hoped will be present are Lady Stubbs, His Excellency the Naval Commander-in-Chief and Lady Leveson and His Excellency the General Officer Commanding and Lady Fowler. Tickets are \$4 each and can be obtained from Anderson Music Company, Hongkong Hotel, Moutrie and Co., United Services Recreation Club, Kowloon and Naval Secretary to Commodore, and also at the door.

Light refreshments are included in the price of the tickets; spirits and tobacco can be purchased through books of coupons as was done at the Navy League Ball. Arrangements have been made for late Peak trams, and Naval Launches will run to Kowloon after the ferries have ceased running.

The Brunswick Studio Dance Orchestra will play. Those not wishing to wear Fancy Dress may wear Evening Dress on payment of \$1 extra at the door.

### CRICKET

#### OXFORD v. CAMBRIDGE.

A cricket match between teams representing Oxford and Cambridge will be played on the Club ground (by kind permission of the Hongkong Cricket Club) to-morrow (Wednesday), starting at 2 p.m. Tea will be provided on the ground and it is hoped that many Oxford and Cambridge men will attend. The teams will be as follows:—

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and in the background, the Pearl River and low hills. One temple is quite enough to visit, for they are all gloomy-looking places with nothing of particular interest about them. They cannot compare with the magnificent temples of India and the fine churches of America and Europe.

Half-past four! It is time for our boat to sail. Down the Pearl River to Hongkong, the Land of Sweet Waters.  
It would be useless for me to tell you of the rare embroideries, the fine jade carving, the silks and other beautiful things made in Canton, for you can see these for yourself in the museums and Chinese shops in your cities. Canton is like a vast bazaar where may be seen the merchandise of the whole world. The Chinese send their merchandise to all other countries; and in turn, import much from those countries.

Most of the Chinese who come to America are from the Canton district. That is to say, most of those who come to remain and who engage in business here. The students come from all parts of the country. These students learn to speak English exceptionally well, but in Canton and most parts of China the Chinese and Europeans, when speaking together, use a pigeon English that is laughable when one first hears it. Once when several of us were about to enter an elevator at the hotel in Hongkong, the boy who was running it said: "Five pieces, man, no more." Which meant that only five persons were allowed to ride in it. Another time a boy asked: "Fed like cat?" When I told him I did not, he said: "Here, the same piece cat. No go cat." It is not so difficult to understand, you see.

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### DR. SANDERS' SUED.

#### EVIDENCE OF DR. WOODMAN.

#### YESTERDAY AFTERNOON'S PROCEEDINGS.

Mr. Thorwald Andersen, formerly employed by the Hongkong Wharf and Godown Coy., who is suing Dr. J. Sanders, of the Matilda Hospital, for damages for alleged negligent treatment was further cross-examined by the defendant's counsel, Mr. F. C. Jenkin, when the hearing was resumed yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Jenkin asked the plaintiff if it was a fact that Dr. Sanders would not let him go home for Christmas. The plaintiff replied that he asked the doctor and he replied: "What would you do at Christmas but drink whiskey and champagne?" Witness replied: "Not unless you were to provide it."

The Chief Justice: And the doctor consented to it? (Laughter.) Mr. Jenkin: I put it to you that Dr. Sanders on that occasion told you that if you went out of hospital, having, as you had, a fractured hand, you would do so at your own risk?

The plaintiff: He never said a word to that effect. He made no attempt to influence me from going. Do you say that on December 18, Dr. Sanders told you that the splint could be wholly removed and the arm left free?—Yes.

In reply to further questions the witness said he saw Dr. Strahan, who refused to give an opinion which he regarded as being contrary to the rules of etiquette.

Mr. Jenkin: I put it to you that when you arrived at the hospital Dr. Sanders was waiting for you and that you received immediate attention?

Plaintiff: He is wrong again. Do you allege that you were kept waiting and that the attention you should have received was delayed?

—I suppose that is the usual hospital routine. Dr. Sanders was making his rounds at that time. Perhaps he had a patient in a more serious condition than myself. The fact is that Dr. Sanders asked me to sit down on the bed and he proceeded on his round and came back to me.

The Chief Justice: Dr. Sanders could not be expected to see him any minute.

Mr. Jenkin: Your complaint is that your wrist and hand have not been put back into the exact state that they were before the accident?

Plaintiff: That is not altogether my complaint. My complaint is that if Dr. Sanders had made any attempt to treat my hand as a fractured hand, and even failed, I should not have complained at all.

—I hold that he never attempted to get my bones set in the wrist or the finger. Dr. Smalley did.

**The Good Samaritan.**  
In further cross-examination the plaintiff denied that he had discussed the treatment he was receiving with Dr. Woodman before he came out of hospital. As a matter of fact, they were not on good terms, because he had had cause to complain about the stench from a factory, behind where he was living and Dr. Woodman had written in reply that he could smell nothing although he was living in the same building.

"We were not on speaking terms," the witness added.

The Chief Justice: Yet he acted the part of the Good Samaritan.

Mr. Jenkin: You appear to have more than a passing knowledge of surgery. You were fourteen days in hospital. Did you ever suggest to Dr. Sanders that he was not doing what was right?

Plaintiff: I told him I could feel the broken bone. It was not my place to suggest to the doctor whether he was right or wrong. On his first examination of the hand he assured me nothing was broken, and I was then very pleased, especially after Dr. Smalley had told me differently.

**Dr. Woodman Called.**  
Dr. W. J. Woodman, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., L.S.A., assistant Medical Officer of Health, stated that about Christmas 1921 he was living in Orient Buildings, Kowloon, and Andersen was residing in the same block. On one occasion witness met him outside the house, and hearing that he had had an accident said to him that he was glad he was able to get home for Christmas. His hand was in a splint and bandaged. The bandage was not too clean, the witness remarked. Andersen told him that photographs had been taken and another was going to be taken.

The witness was handed three photographs. One, he said, suggested a fracture of radius.

Mr. Alabaster: Does it show it?

Dr. Woodman: Personally I should say so.

The other two photographs, Dr. Woodman proceeded, showed a similar deformity. Two of the photographs showed a fracture of the upper end of the metacarpal bone of the index finger of the right hand.

Mr. Alabaster: If the hand had been properly examined through the X-ray screen on the day after the injury occurred, would these injuries be visible?

Dr. Woodman: The injury of the metacarpal bone, for certain, the injury to the hand would have been apparent, and also some deformity of the wrist.

### Before Twelve?

If that finger injury had been diagnosed, as you say it should have been diagnosed, on the day after the injury, what treatment should have been applied?—Splint it.

With the idea of pushing it back into its original position?—Yes.

Therefore if nothing was done in the way of splinting that injury for three weeks that would have been wrong?—Yes.

The witness added that on the 1st April he gave a letter to Mr. Andersen and what he wrote he seriously meant.

Mr. Alabaster: Mr. Jenkin has suggested that it was written before 12 o'clock on the 1st of April, and was therefore not meant to be serious.

In cross-examination by Mr. Jenkin, Dr. Woodman admitted he had not examined the plaintiff's arm and wrist and that the whole of his evidence was based on the examination on three X-ray prints. He formed the opinion he had given in Court when he wrote the letter on the 1st April, 1922.

Mr. Jenkin: He just dropped up to your room and asked you to write a letter for him.

Dr. Woodman: He asked me for several days to give my opinion of these photographs. His condition may be as good as you could possibly get?—Yes, for all I know.

How do you think the accident occurred? Dr. Woodman: I was told he fell on his hand.

In reply to further questions Dr. Woodman said he knew at the time he wrote that the proper treatment of the injury had been prejudiced by unnecessary delay in diagnosis, that the case had been in the hands of Dr. Sanders. He knew nothing about the history of it except what was told him by Andersen. The plaintiff told him that the accident was not discovered until the second photograph was taken, and that all the treatment he had had was one splint.

**Was It Etiquette?**  
Mr. Jenkin: Do you mean to say that you considered it correct professional conduct to condemn a brother doctor as to his treatment of a case about the history of which you know nothing?

Dr. Woodman: It is perfectly correct for me to give my opinion on anything put before me.

Before any doctor of any proficiency can give an opinion of a case worth having, he must know the history of the case?—Not in all cases.

What cases?—Fractures.

Witness went on to say that he did not know what treatment the patient was given in hospital.

Mr. Jenkin: And yet you say in this letter that he did not get the proper treatment?

Dr. Woodman: I said that if the injury was not discovered until fourteen days afterwards he was not likely to get the proper treatment.

Then you did not know, when you gave this statement, whether or not it had been discovered?—No.

Do you say that you, as a matter of practice, write letters of this kind to lay members of the community without consulting the doctor in whose hands the case had been before? Is this the first case in which you have ever done it?—I do not think so.

Have you done it frequently?—No.

Why didn't you trouble to consult Dr. Sanders on this occasion?—Well, I think the principal reason was I was extremely ill at the time. I had to go away on leave very shortly afterwards.

Did you get any fee for it?—No. Was he a friend of yours?—I have met him in the doorway, that is all.

He had never been in your room before, or you in his?—No.

**Chief Justice's View.**  
The Chief Justice: At this time the plaintiff, Mr. Andersen, did not know himself anything about what we will call the medical side of his injuries. He probably thought in his own mind he had not been properly treated, but he goes to a medical man like yourself in order to satisfy himself one way or the other. Did it occur to you when you wrote him this letter, that it was an imputation which he could use later on?

Dr. Woodman: No, it did not.

Chief Justice: Then you should have thought so. You are a professional man, and before you write letters of that kind you should guard yourself. He was not asking you to write a letter for a joke. He must have had some object for it. That is the effect of the question Counsel has put to you. You do not think the discretion you exercised was a proper one?

Dr. Woodman: I think probably it was not. I was very unwell at the time.

The Chief Justice: Whether you were correct or not, I do not think it was proper.

Replying to further questions by Mr. Jenkin, witness agreed it was impossible to say down what was the proper treatment to be accorded to any case unless something was known of the history of the case.

**History of Opinion.**  
Mr. Jenkin: Do you know whether you were received in hospital with a pulse of 164? Is that a high pulse?

Witness: Yes.

### BRANDY AND CIGARS.

#### SANITARY INSPECTOR'S COMPLAINT.

Sanitary Inspector L. Brewer was the complainant in an adjourned case at the Magistracy yesterday afternoon in which a Chinese broker was charged with offering him six bottles of brandy and two boxes of cigars as a bribe.

Evidence was called to the effect that defendant called at the Western Sanitary Office and after a conversation about a Police-Court summons, caused the brandy and cigars to be left in a corner of the room having first intimated that the gift was for Inspector Brewer.

His Worship committed defendant for trial at the sessions.

### ST. DUNSTON'S FILM.

Under the patronage and by courtesy of H. E. Sir Edward and Lady Stubbs, an interesting film will be shown at Government House on Friday afternoon, at 5.30 p.m.

The film illustrates the daily life of the Blind Soldiers and Sailors at St. Dunstan's and shows how men are re-trained to earn their livelihood in the world of darkness they have to face.

The film, coupled with a short address by Mr. W. E. Cowie, Travelling Commissioner for St. Dunstan's, will occupy about 40 minutes and it is hoped that all interested in this great philanthropic work will endeavour to be present. No invitations will be issued.

Do you know he was received in hospital under suspicion of having a fracture of the base of the skull?—No.

Do you know his temperature was high and running high for say days after admission?—No.

If you had known these facts, is it not likely your opinion would have been very much qualified?—Judging from the fact that I saw him perfectly well on Christmas Eve, I should think it might have been diagnosed before he came out.

If you knew that the man had been received in hospital in that condition, would not your opinion as to his treatment have been considerably qualified, and would you not have refrained from stating it before making some enquiries?—I do not think I had any opinion about his treatment when he was admitted to hospital.

Then your opinion as to his condition was formed when you first saw him?—Yes.

And you are unable to state that the condition in which he now is is not as good as it possibly could be under any care?—It might be so.

You say that the proper treatment for a metacarpal fracture is splints. Do you say that a missing top splint means negligence?—I should say it is a question for argument.

You mean that two perfectly honest medical men might differ as to whether a top splint might be left out?—Yes.

And therefore leaving it out might be no evidence of negligence?—No.

**Question of Negligence.**  
Mr. Alabaster put in a report by Dr. Balean, who examined the plaintiff. The report was explained to the jury by Dr. Woodman.

Mr. Jenkin asked whether Dr. Woodman suggested that failure to attempt to reduce an impacted fracture showed negligence or want of skill and care in attendance?

Dr. Woodman replied that from what he could gather the fracture was not even known of.

Do you say that failure to disimpact that fracture was such that there would be a consensus of opinion among medical men that it was negligent?—I think that certainly an attempt should have been made.

Do you say that because no attempt was made that therefore the doctor was negligent?—I do not like to go as far as that.

Mr. Alabaster suggested that it would show a want of skill or non-use of skill for not having found it out.

"I should have thought so," was Dr. Woodman's reply.

This concluded the plaintiff's case.

Mr. Jenkin submitted that there was no case to go to the jury of negligence on the part of the defendant doctor. Dr. Woodman had given the whole case away by stating the proper treatment was in fact the treatment which the plaintiff said he got. All he said was that Dr. Sanders should have discovered the fractures by X-ray screen when he made his X-ray examination, but he did not suggest there should have been any other treatment. The highest the case was based on was that an attempt might have been made to reduce the impacted fracture.

Dr. Woodman had not taken the trouble to look at the plaintiff. For all he knew his condition was as good a result as it could possibly be.

The Chief Justice intimated that he could not withdraw the case from the jury.

The further hearing was adjourned until this morning.

A report of the case will be found on page 5.

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For 25 years Mrs. William C. Arnold, wife of Brigadier Arnold, of the New York branch of the Salvation Army, has been affectionately known as the "Poet Laureate of the Salvation Army." She has written verses that have inspired her co-workers, and, at their request, they have just been issued in book form.



Hon. Henry Lane Wilson, formerly United States Ambassador to Turkey, and mentioned as the possible Minister to Turkey, was a recent caller on President Coolidge in Washington.



Theodora Poole, a 13-year-old girl, of Lansing, triumphed over more than 400,000 pupils in the second National Safety First Essay Contest conducted by the Highway Educational Board, of Washington, D. C. The title of her prize-winning essay was "My Share in Making the Highways Safe." As a reward she will receive a gold watch and expense money for a visit to Washington.



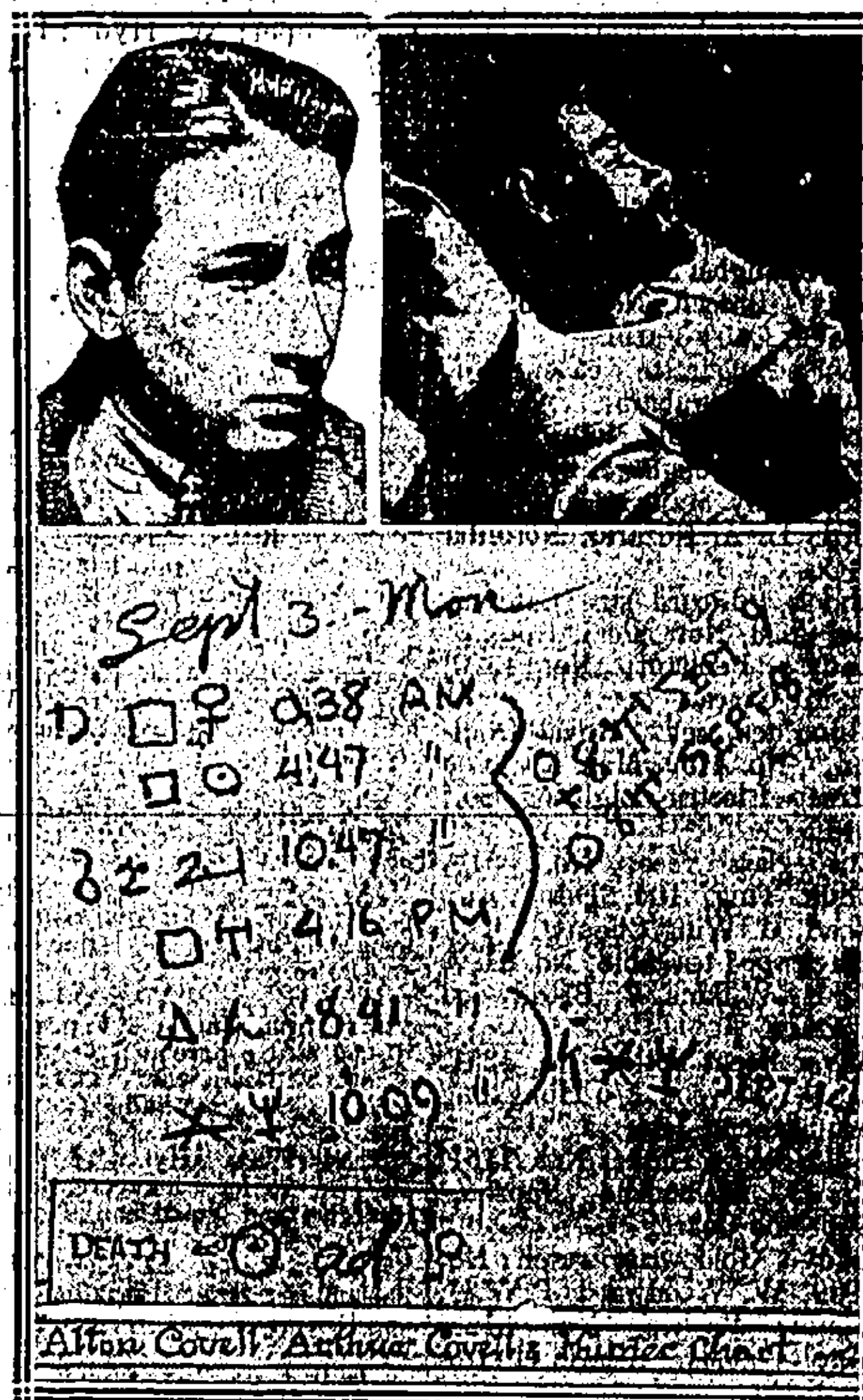
The Duke de Camasta and Jacques Richepin, French poet and playwright, have fought a duel near Paris as the result of an argument over a theatre admission tax. The Duke was handed a ticket by a friend and tried to get into the Laparocette Theatre. M. Richepin, husband of Mme. Cora Laparocette, who now manages the theatre, asked the Duke to pay a state tax on his "Annie Oakley." The Duke, refusing to pay, abused M. Richepin, who struck the nobleman. The duel followed.



This is a new and exclusive photograph of the Lord Mayor of London, Colonel and Alderman Sir Louis A. Newton, with his wife and their daughter, Winifred, taken in the drawing-room of their home at St. Aubin, Beckham.



W. H. Ford, a New York real estate broker, is held on a charge of arson and murder in connection with the deaths of six persons in a fire which destroyed a frame dwelling house in Brooklyn. James R. Lynch, 25, an accountant was held as a material witness. The police charge a diabolical crime, alleging Ford sought only the death of George F. Keim, his wealthy father-in-law, who boarded there. Ford and Keim, whose fortune was estimated at \$500,000, had quarrelled over business transactions. To kill Keim, the police allege Ford killed five others.



Arthur Covell, 46, a cripple, is under arrest in Mansfield, Ore. after having confessed, the police assert, that he planned the death of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Elba Covell. While the actual murder was committed by Mrs. Covell's 16-year-old stepson, Alton, Arthur Covell acknowledges he planned the death and used this astrological chart to hoodwink the boy into believing the stars had ordered the crime committed. Covell, an astrologer and mystic, is well educated. Evidence in the hands of the police indicate that he planned many other crimes. The "death sign" is shown at the bottom of the chart he used in persuading the boy to murder his step mother.



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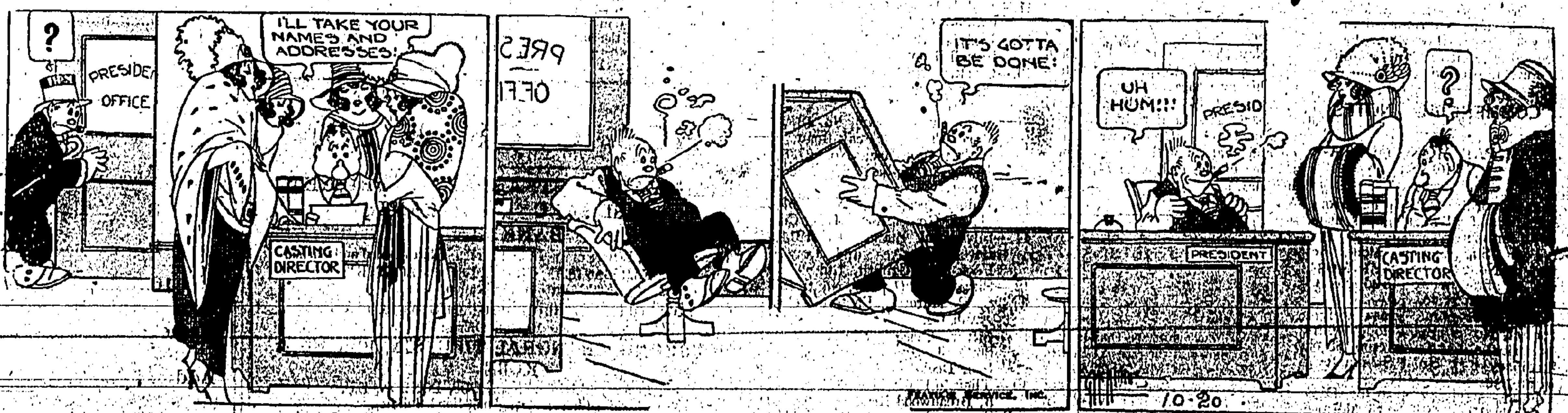


This photograph shows the famous Commander-in-Chief and now President of the Angora Assembly, Mustapha Kemal, in civilian clothes, with his wife and Ismet Pasha, his right-hand man. Mustapha Kemal recently has become the "Pussyfoot" of Turkey because of his advocacy of prohibition.

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